

Today's News - April 7, 2006

Western architects working in China must deal with a "sense of transience...nothing is permanent, even buildings thousands of meters tall." – Farrelly comments on obesity in bricks and "fat-burban aesthetics." – Vancouver's happy, healthy high density, and what makes a city center a good place for children. – Two takes on architecture's scientific revolution. – A new museum in Paris is a controversial legacy. – A Grimshaw gallery in Spain might not be called beautiful, but it has "a jolie-laide of a thing, rather like the city it sits in." – Baseball season: Chicago's Wrigley Field bleacher expansion looks like it's always been there, but it's not retro. – NY Mets, on the other hand, is meant to evoke memories of Ebbets Field. – A new campus student center is a living laboratory for students who will be designing the buildings of the future. – Green roofs taking root in British Columbia. – In L.A. "architecture geeks" are up in arms about possible loss of Trader Vic's. – A new book gives an in-depth look at two masters of Zionist urban architecture. – Purdue takes the prize for "Rube Goldberg Machine Ate My Homework."

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[Shanghai: Land of the rising trapezoid: Many foreign architects working in China feel that the...tendency to rush projects and use subpar materials comes from a sense of transience...nothing is permanent, even buildings thousands of meters tall. -- Kohn Pedersen Fox; Leslie Robertson Associates; Urban Fabric Architecture; PTW; Engel und Zimmerman](#)- Asia Times

[Obesity in bricks and mortar is no fat-burban myth: Never mind the morality. And never mind fat-burban aesthetics, gruesome as they may be. Ask only this: are these living patterns practical? Do they work for us? By Elizabeth Farrelly](#)- Sydney Morning Herald

[Vancouver - healthy, happy and high density: Making space for families to live downtown is central to Vancouver's innovative approach to urban renewal...The skyline is...being composed, like a piece of music...Sustainable development will be taken to a new level... By Frank McDonald](#)- Irish Times

[Guidelines that make city centre a good place for children: ...there is still no equivalent in Dublin or other Irish cities of Vancouver's far-sighted planning standards to make this possible...-](#) Irish Times

[Architecture's Scientific Revolution: five examples of contemporary architecture that have been influenced by science. Welcome to the new architectural revolution. -- NOX; Calatrava; Hadid; Lindy Roy; Coop-Himmelblau \[images\]](#)- Seed Magazine

[Can Architecture Shape Science? A new crop of science centers designed by architects tackle the task of reinventing the laboratory. -- Louis Kahn; Tod Williams Billie Tsien; Gehry Partners; Charles Correa; Goody, Clancy; Saucier + Perotte; Rafael Viñoly; Grimshaw \[images\]](#)- Seed Magazine

[Chirac leaves controversial legacy with monument to African and Asian culture: ...€260m \(£180m\) Musée du Quai Branly - Paris's first major new museum since the Pompidou Centre opened in 1977. -- Jean Nouvel \[image\]](#)- Guardian (UK)

[New wave: Grimshaw's first art gallery surges into Spain: Nobody could call it beautiful but when you see it, it has charm and poise. It's a jolie-laide of a thing, rather like the city \[La Coruna\] it sits in. By Hugh Pearman \[images\]](#)- HughPearman.com (UK)

[Reasons to sit up: Wrigley's bleacher expansion did not take away charm...The result is a grand illusion: a modernization that looks like it always has been there... It's real, though-- not retro. By Blair Kamin -- HOK Sport; John Vinci; Peter Schaudt \[slide show\]](#)- Chicago Tribune

[Wilpon Is Walking Again Through Ebbets Rotunda: The design for the new Mets ballpark, to be built next to Shea Stadium, is meant to evoke memories of Ebbets Field, where the Brooklyn Dodgers played. -- HOK Sport \[slide show\]](#)- New York Times

[Campus takes on new shape: Part of the \[Lawrence Technological University\] Taubman Center's visual energy comes from its adherence to environmentally sensitive design standards...a living laboratory for engineering and architecture students who will be designing the buildings of the future. By John Gallagher -- Harley Ellis Devereaux; Gwathmey Siegel](#)- Detroit Free Press

[It grows on you: The idea of green roofs was once strictly rustic. Now, the trend is setting down roots in the city -- Arthur Erickson; Blue Sky Architecture; Werner Forster; Angel Ridge Landscape; Sharp and Diamond Landscape Architecture](#)- Globe and Mail (Canada)

[Tiki tacky? Not to fans of Trader Vic's: A developer's plan to say bye-bye to the home of the mai tai stirs patrons and preservationists...Los Angeles could lose a place that...still draws a clientele of Hollywood royalty and architecture geeks for its campy, retro style. -- Welton Becket](#)- Los Angeles Times

[City pioneers: "Architecture of the State in the Making" by David Kroyanker...highlighting the work of Eliezer Yellin and Wilhelm Hecker...Zionist urban architecture during the Mandatory period in Eretz-Yisrael...-](#) Jerusalem Post

[Purdue Society of Professional Engineers Defends Title in Rube Goldberg Nationals..."The Rube Goldberg Machine Ate My Homework."-](#) Newswise

[Northwestern University Ford Motor Company Engineering Design Center: Engineering and design education now cross traditional departmental boundaries in a light-filled, LEED Silver campus building. -- Davis Brody Bond \[images\]](#)- ArchNewsNow



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